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raccoon like
we lean in toward our table
sip coffee and the
fading 80's bands' posters on the walls
traffic noise does not deter us
you with your new boutique handbag
and me
we've already discussed everything possible
in the thrown away newspaper
the rain
coming or going
your mother's tendencies or what she's tending to do now
I'll begin to notice your earrings and
say nothing
you speak of how you're turning thirty this year
while I nod.

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